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Whenever the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore [shall hereafter provide] PROVIDES, by ordinance, for the laying out, opening, extending, widening or straightening of any highway, street, square, lane or alley in Baltimore City, such ordinance may provide that the Department of [Assessments] PUBLIC WORKS shall proceed to acquire the property necessary, in accordance with [Section 225 and following, of the City Charter (1938 Edition),] SECTIONS 44A, 44B, 44C, AND 44D OF ARTICLE VII OF THE CHARTER OF BALTIMORE CITY (1964 REVISION) AS AMENDED, AND SECTIONS 52 THROUGH 63 OF ARTICLE 26 OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE AS AMENDED; or [said] THE ordinance may provide that the property necessary to be acquired for such laying out, opening, extending, widening or straightening, may be acquired by proceedings in [the Baltimore City Court,] ANY OF THE LAW COURTS OF THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY, under [Article 33-A, of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (Flack's Edition, 1939),] ARTICLE - REAL PROPERTY, TITLE 12 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, and that, after the damages to be awarded shall have been ascertained by such proceedings, then the Department of [Assessments] PUBLIC WORKS [shall] MAY proceed to assess the benefits for [said] THE laying out, opening, extending, widening or straightening, in the same manner as if the damages had been assessed by it under [Section 228 of the Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition)] SECTIONS 53, 54, AND 55 OF ARTICLE 26 OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE (1966 EDITION) AS AMENDED, and it shall state in the report the amount of damages assessed by the proceedings in Court to the various owners, and the expenses of [said] THE court proceedings, and its own proceedings. Before any such benefits and damages are assessed, there shall be filed with the Department of [Assessments] PUBLIC WORKS, a profile map or plat showing the grade of the proposed highway, street, square, lane or alley with respect to the abutting property, which map or plat shall be included by the Department of [Assessments] PUBLIC WORKS in the return of its proceedings.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.